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and Protection of Human Rights
Fifty-third session

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Note by the Secretary-General

Duration and venue of the session

1. The fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 30 July to 17 August 2001. The first meeting will be convened at 10.30 a.m. on Monday, 30 July 2001.

Provisional agenda

2. The provisional agenda*, prepared in accordance with rule 5 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, is reproduced below.

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* Based on the list of draft provisional items for the agenda of the fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission as contained in its decision 2000/120. In that decision, the Sub-Commission took note of the items proposed by the Bureau on the understanding that sub-items would be decided upon at the time of adoption of the provisional agenda. The draft provisional agenda for the fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission prepared by the Secretary-General on the basis of that list and in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1894 (LVII) of 1 August 1974, which also includes an indication of documents to be submitted under each agenda item and the legislative authority for their preparation and consideration, is contained in the report of the Sub-Commission on its fifty-second session (E/CN.4/2001/2-E/CN.4/Sub.2/2000/46, para. 255).

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Inter-sessional, pre-sessional and post-sessional working groups

3. In accordance with relevant decisions, the fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission will be preceded by meetings of three working groups and followed by a meeting of one working group, as follows:

(a) Working Group on Minorities, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1995/31 of 25 July 1995. This working group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for five working days, from 14 to 18 May 2001;

(b) Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council decision 16 (LVI) of 17 May 1974. Pursuant to paragraph (c) of Economic and Social Council decision 2000/284 of 28 July 2000, this working group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for five working days, from 11 to 15 June 2001;

(c) Working Group on Indigenous Populations, established pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1982/34 of 7 May 1982. This working group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for five working days prior to the fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission, from 23 to 27 July 2001;

(d) Working Group on Communications, established under Sub-Commission resolution 2 (XXIV) in accordance with paragraph 1 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1503 (XLVIII) of 27 May 1970. Pursuant to the revised procedure for dealing with communications concerning human rights approved by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 2000/3, this working group of five members of the Sub-Commission will meet for two weeks immediately following the fifty-third session of the Sub-Commission, from 20 to 31 August 2001.

In-sessional working groups

4. Since its thirty-fourth session, in 1981, the Sub-Commission has established a sessional working group to assist it in relation to its annual review of developments concerning the human rights of persons subjected to any form of detention or imprisonment. At its forty-sixth session, in 1994, the Sub-Commission established a sessional working group on the administration of justice and the question of compensation in place of a sessional working group on detention.

5. The Sub-Commission may wish to consider establishing such a sessional working group at its fifty-third session.

6. At its fiftieth session, the Sub-Commission, in resolution 1998/8, decided to establish, for a three-year period, a sessional working group of the Sub-Commission, composed of five of its members, to examine the working methods and activities of transnational corporations.

Annotations

7. The annotations to the items listed in the provisional agenda will be issued as an addendum to the present document.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Organization of work.

2. Question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including policies of racial discrimination and segregation, in all countries, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and territories: report of the Sub-Commission under Commission on Human Rights resolution 8 (XXIII).

3. Administration of justice.

4. Economic, social and cultural rights.

5. Prevention of discrimination and protection of indigenous peoples and minorities.

6. Other issues.

7. Concluding items.